

NEWS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF VIRGINIA

HALIFAX COURT BEGINS TRIAL OF DICKERSON

Negro Is Accused of Slaying William Rickman, Prominent Farmer of County.

(By Associated Press.)
SOUTH BOSTON, Va., May 24.—George Dickerson, negro, who has spent ten years in the Virginia penitentiary for various crimes, was arraigned in the Circuit Court of Halifax County on the charge of murdering William Rickman, prominent young farmer. Dickerson was indicted yesterday.

It is alleged that Dickerson waylaid Rickman one Saturday night on a public road, crushed his skull and in some way broke his back. Dickerson has been in jail about six weeks with three other negroes, including James Coleman, near whom the murder occurred, and who narrowly escaped mob violence when the Halifax County jail was attacked after he had been arrested, several hundred shots being fired into the prison. Dickerson is alleged to have put on a pair of Coleman's shoes and used them in walking to the point where Rickman was assaulted, returning there later. The sheet led to Coleman's arrest. Coleman is alleged to have told the authorities that Dickerson confessed the crime to him and offered him money to "keep his mouth shut." Three nights after the murder a mob set fire to the buildings on Coleman's farm and the structures were destroyed.

John Draper, who was charged with sharing in the mob's attack upon the county prison, in an effort to get Coleman, was convicted at the last term of court and sentenced to serve twenty months in jail and pay a fine of \$500. Jack Price, one of the twelve men accused of being members of the mob, will be tried Thursday. The other cases will be tried after Price's trial is concluded.

CUMBERLAND TOBACCO GROWERS SIGNING UP

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CARTERSVILLE, Va., May 24.—The tobacco growers of Cumberland held a final signing meeting at Cartersville last Saturday. The courthouse was filled with representatives of the growers from Cumberland and the adjoining counties. The morning session was addressed by Joseph M. Hurt, president of the Virginia Tobacco Association and large tobacco grower. He drew a strong picture of the farmer growing tobacco in Virginia below the cost of production and his family living in conditions which should have been discarded fifty years ago, and compared him with the fruit growers of California living under the protection of the same contract that he urged farmers to sign. In the afternoon R. Morgan Shepherd, of the Southern Planter, and a close friend of Governor Davis, made a strong plea for the Virginia farmer to sign and help himself and neighbor out of the present conditions by cooperation. He showed that other interests were anxious and willing that the farmer should succeed, and it only lacked the farmer himself to make the movement a success. A count of those present showed at least 50 per cent had signed up. The county is over the top to the tune of about 65 per cent.

PETERSBURG ATTORNEYS FORM BAR ASSOCIATION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, Va., May 24.—The Bar Association of Petersburg was formally ushered into being last night with a banquet at the Hotel Petersburg and election of officers at the preceding business session held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

R. Holling Wilcox was elected president of the Bar Association. Robert W. Syme was elected vice-president and Ernest N. Townes, secretary and treasurer.

PETERSBURG WILL DISCUSS COUNTRY CLUB PLAN TODAY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, Va., May 24.—Whether Petersburg will yet have the much-talked-of country club, proposed to be built near Walnut Hill, will be known definitely this afternoon, when the City Council will receive the proposition of a committee of prominent residents interested in the project.

The meeting has been called for 5 o'clock. Several weeks ago the matter was introduced to the Council by a committee of men who are willing to form a stock company and promote the project, provided the city is willing to sell land near Walnut Hill, a part of the 1,700 acres owned by the city.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Tucker in Caroline June 13.
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 24.—Harry St. George Tucker, candidate for Governor of Virginia, will address the people of Caroline at Bowling Green on Monday, June 13, court day.

Funeral of Louis Caplan.
Funeral services for Louis Caplan, for many years manager of the local plant of the Baltimore Shirt Manufacturing Company, will be held this morning. Burial will be in the Hebrew Cemetery. Mr. Caplan is survived by a widow, four daughters, Miss Ida and Reda Caplan, and three sons, Harry, Eli and Morris Caplan.

SEAMEN'S 'Y' IS CHARGED WITH HARBORING PICKETS

Shipping Board Fleet Commander at Newport News Starts Investigation.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 24.—Charges that the seamen's branch of the Y. M. C. A. is harboring strike pickets to the detriment of the port and the American public were aired today at a conference of city officials, civic institution heads and officials of the "Y" called by Captain F. J. Walcott in charge of the Shipping Board's wooden fleet division here.

Captain Walcott says that he himself has seen seamen leave the "Y" building and stop men going to and from ships.

The Y. M. C. A., Captain Walcott says, is giving sleeping quarters to approximately fifty seamen, and is feeding five or six. He says that of this number 55 per cent are foreigners.

He further charges that a large majority of the strikers are foreigners and that the foreigners are taking the most active part in the strike, despite the fact that they are receiving twice as much here as they would receive in their own country. "American shipping," he declared, "is being seriously hampered by the strike. There are many ships idle in James River which would be chartered and placed in commission were it not for the strike. Shipping is picking up and the new business is getting the bulk of the new business. Most of the coal exported from Hampton Roads is going to England and it could be carried in American ships were it not for the strike."



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Room 407, City Hall.

Will Observe 2 "Poppy Days" at Petersburg

PETERSBURG, May 24.—Poppy Day will be celebrated here Saturday and Monday with Mrs. Edwin J. Nixon in charge of the sale of the flowers emblematic of the supreme sacrifice made in France by the American soldiers. Booths will be placed on all the principal streets.

The sale will be conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion. While it is not expected that any more than expenses will be made from the sale, any sum left over will be used for a sinking fund for the proposed memorial building which the American Legion hopes to erect at some time in the near future to the memory of soldiers of Petersburg in all wars.

100 ARE CONVERTED IN GREAT DAMASCUS MEETING

DAMASCUS, Va., May 24.—A great revival is going on here, conducted by Rev. W. B. Wyatt and Evangelist George H. Wiley of Richmond. Evangelist Wiley is well known in the Southwest and is a member of the evangelistic body of the Baptist mission board. No building here can hold the crowds. More than 100 have professed religion and many have been restored.

JOHN MATHENY RETURNS TO ANSWER CHARGES

Says He Did Not Learn Until Sunday He Was Being Sought.

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PETERSBURG, May 24.—Surrendering himself early this morning at police headquarters, John Matheny, secretary and treasurer of the Petersburg Excelsior Company, who left the city over a week ago, is now at liberty under \$1,000 bail pending a preliminary hearing. He will be given a hearing in Police Court tomorrow morning.

The specific charge against Matheny is the alleged theft of \$42.75 from the Petersburg Excelsior Company on December 13, 1920. The warrant was sworn out last week by J. N. D'Este, assistant treasurer of the company, following an investigation of an alleged shortage by officials of a New York concern, of which the local company is a branch.

Matheny has made no statement regarding the charge against him. He is known in the Southwest and is a member of the evangelistic body of the Baptist mission board. No building here can hold the crowds. More than 100 have professed religion and many have been restored.

Woman Candidate Quits; Gave Her Vote to Harding

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FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 24.—Mrs. George N. Trader, who announced her candidacy for Democratic nomination for House of Delegates from Northumberland and Westmoreland Counties, has retired from the race for the reason that under ruling of Attorney-General Saunders she is not eligible to vote in the primary, having voted for Harding last fall.

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\$20,000 DAMAGE SUIT WILL BE TRIED TODAY

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PETERSBURG, Va., May 24.—With Judge J. M. Mullen presiding, the suit of the Atlantic Coast Realty Company against the executors of the Will Robertson estate for \$20,000 damages was begun in the Circuit Court here today. The case gives promise of being one of the hardest fought in history of the local court.

The suit grows out of the sale of certain land in Prince George County during the Howard II boom, the realty company asking for \$20,000 in commissions alleged to be due them.

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